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**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. A-67207-2/RMS/DCF (469420-26)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Group No. 1641

WALT *et al.*

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For: *Self-Encoding Sensor with  
Microspheres*

**AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 21, 2004. This response is timely filed on or before June 21, 2004. Although Applicants do not believe any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-67207-2/RMS/DCF (469420-26)).

Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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analysis as claimed. Moreover, Sadana fails to cure this deficiency. As noted previously, a *prima facie* case of obviousness requires that each element of the claims is found in the prior art. Applicants respectfully submit that each element of the present claims is not found in the cited references alone or in combination. As such, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established.

### CONCLUSION

Please direct further questions in connection with this Application to the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

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